

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Original): Luster pigments having pronounced sparkle which are based on aluminum platelets which have been coated with iron oxide and have in the precoated state an average platelet size from 8 to 30  $\mu\text{m}$ , an average platelet thickness from 300 to 600 nm and an aspect ratio from 15 to 70.

Claim 2 (Original): Luster pigments according to claim 1 that are based on aluminum platelets having an aspect ratio from 25 to 55.

Claim 3 (Original): Luster pigments according to claim 1 that are based on aluminum platelets having an average platelet size from 13 to 25  $\mu\text{m}$ , an average platelet thickness from 350 to 550 nm and an aspect ratio from 25 to 55.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 that comprise an iron oxide coating having a geometric layer thickness from 18 to 25 nm.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 that comprise an iron oxide coating having a geometric layer thickness from 30 to 40 nm.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to ~~claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1 that comprise an iron oxide coating having a geometric layer thickness from 110 to 140 nm.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): Luster pigments according to ~~claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 that further comprise, directly on the aluminum platelets and/or on the iron oxide layer, a

corrosion-inhibiting coating based on oxidic chromium, molybdenum, phosphorus, silicon, zirconium and/or aluminum compounds.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): [[Use of]] The method of using luster pigments according to ~~claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 for coloration of coatings, paints, printing inks, plastics, ceramic compositions and glazes and decorative cosmetic preparations.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): [[Use of]] The method of using luster pigments according to ~~claims 1 to 7~~ claim 1 for coloration of one coat, two coat or multicoat metallics.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): [[Use]] The method of using according to claim 8 [[or 9]], wherein the luster pigments are employed in combination with other pigments from the group of effect pigments, fluorescent colorants, hiding and transparent chromatic, white and black pigments.